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1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES ADJOURNED FEB 21 ON CONSTRUCTIVE AND COOPERATIVE NOTE AFTER AGREEING TO TWO RESUMED SESSIONS LATER THIS YEAR DEVOTED TO FURTHER WORK ON SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM(IP) ON COMMODITIES. MILD RESOLUTIONS WERE ALSO ADOPTED ON UNCTAD ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S IN MTN (F) AND THE INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS SPARSE REFERENCE IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL DEBATE TO EITHER DAKAR DECLARATION OR CONCEPT OF INDEXATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON COMMODITIES. MOST OF SECOND WEEK DEVOTED TO NEGOTIATION RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED INTEGRATED PROGRAM(IP). GROUP B UNANIMOUSLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY DIRECT OR IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT OF IT OR TO ACCEPT IDEA OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. DESPITE GROUP OF 77 PROTESTATIONS FROM BEGINNING THAT IT WAS NOT THEIR INTENTION TO ASK FOR SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT, MUCH TIME WAS CONSUMED IN MODIFYING LANGUAGE WHICH PREJUDGED CONCLUSIONS OF FURTHER WORK ON IP. MAJOR POINT OF RESOLUTION WAS AGREEMENT TO ASK 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF TDB TO CONVENE RESUMED SESSION OF 8TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES IN TWO PARTS, ONE TO BE HELD PRIOR TO 15TH TDB AND THE OTHER BEFORE THE END OF THE PRESENT YEAR. RESOLUTION IMPLIES A TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER WORK ON AN IP WHICH WOULD LEAD TO DECISIONS AT UNCTAD IV. A REFERENCE TO FORMULATION OF SUGGESTIONS (DURING RESUMED SESSIONS) FOR POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS WAS INCLUDED AT G-77 INSISTENCE. RESOLUTION CONTAINS MILD PREAMBULAR REFERENCES RECALLING PROGRAM OF ACTION (ALONG LINES OF RES. 124 OF TDB XIV), CERD'S AND PRINCIPLE 7 OF UNCTAD I, AND TAKING NOTE OF THE DAKAR CONFERENCE. GROUP B COORDINATOR MADE SHORT STATEMENT IN PLENARY ON BEHALF OF "SOME GROUP B COUNTRIES" TO EFFECT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THESE REFERENCES IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN POSITIONS TAKEN BY THESE COUNTRIES ON THE INSTRUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE PREAMBLE.

3. TUNGSTEN. RESOLUTION ON TUNGSTEN WAS WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF AGREED CONCLUSIONS TO GO IN COMMITTEE'S REPORT WHICH (A) LARGELY REPEATS AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF 8TH SESSION OF TUNGSTEN COMMITTEE, (B) RECORDS THAT "DELEGATION THAT SPOKE TO THIS SUBJECT". REAFFIRMED WISH THAT WORK ON TUNGSTEN PRICE STABILIZATION BE CONCLUDED IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AND (C) REQUESTS NEXT TDB SPECIAL SESSION TO CONVENE TUNGSTEN COMMITTEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE (WITHIN 1975). AUSTRALIANS (WHO ARE EMBARRASSED BY BOLIVIAN-INSPIRED RESOLUTION) AUTHORED TEXT FOLLOWING FORMAL MEETING INCLUDING UNCLASSIFIED

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BOLIVIA, PERU, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND USSR AT WHICH US POINTEDLY QUESTIONED NEED FOR RESOLUTION IN VIEW OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT NOVEMBER TUNGSTEN COMMITTEE.

4. INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. G-77 SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING INTER ALIA FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON ACCESS AND PRICING POLICY AND "CONCRETE ACTION" BY GOVERNMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS (BOTH AGREED

AND UNAGREED OFFERED DURING THE CONSULTATIONS. GROUP B SUCCEEDED IN DELETING OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES. AGREED VERSION (SEPTEL) CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS TO ACT ON PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY PARTICIPANTS IN CONSULTATIONS, TO CONSIDER ACTION ON OTHER PROPOSALS AND TO WORK FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO MARKETS AND PRICING POLICIES" IN THE "MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER FORA". ATTENTION OF NEXT SESSION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES IS DRAWN TO RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO MARKET ACCESS.

5. OTHER ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNED WITH SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION, DEEP SEABEDS AND DIVERSIFICATION WERE DEALT WITH BY SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH FORMULATED SET OF CONCLUSIONS. THESE CONCLUSIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS "GENERALLY AGREED" TO REFLECT LACK OF CONSENSUS. IN GENERAL THESE CONCLUSIONS (ORIGINALLY RESOLUTIONS OR PROPOSALS INTRODUCED BY G-77) WERE ILL-FORMED AND, IN THE CASE OF SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES, WERE EXCESSIVE ENOUGH TO PROVOKE A DETAILED US STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION ON EVENTUAL AGREED CONCLUSION, WHICH REMAINED SUBMARGINAL IN ACCEPTABILITY.

6. COMMENT: AFTER INITIAL ADDRESS BY ALGERIAN MINISTER, INFLUENCE OF ALGERIA AND OTHER RADICALS WAS RARELY TO BE SEEN. IRAQ MADE INTERVENTION IN FINAL PLENARY REFERRING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW AND WAS REFERRED TO PREVIOUS US CLARIFICATION ALREADY IN RECORD IN REPLY TO NORTH KOREA. WHAT PROMISED TO BE DIFFICULT AND PROTRACTED MEETING ENDED ON SCHEDULE WITH NEITHER ENDORSEMENT OF IP NOR CONFRONTATION. INDEED, MANY WITHIN G-77 PRIVATELY UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OR PRACTICALITY OF IP. INDEXATION WAS NOT DEBATED AT ALL AND NO SERIOUS ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO INDEXATION IN OPERATIVE PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS. EC-9 WAS NOT EFFECTIVE DURING THIS SESSION DUE TO UNBREACHABLE GAP BETWEEN GERMANS AND REPORTEDLY ITALIANS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE DUTCH ON THE OTHER. MUCH OF GROUP B POSITION ON IP RESOLUTION THEREFORE DEVELOPED FROM US POSITIONS AND US DRAFTS. SEVERAL GROUP B DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO USDEL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR BREAKING GROUP B STALEMATE CAUSED BY EC SPLIT. SEVERAL G-77 MEMBERS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS SIMILARLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE US ATTITUDE. DALE

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